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INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONES IN HELSINKI

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Emergency telephones are being installed throughout the city of Helsinki. The telephones are connected to an emergency center which routes the calls to the appropriate station such as fire, first aid, police, electric, and others. Incoming emergency calls average ten daily with one or two false alarms. The police have access to the telephones in any emergency that might arise.(1)

To date, 200 of the emergency telephones have been installed. The installations are to be completed by the fall of 1953. No plans have been made for the removal of the old fire alarm system until the completion of the new system. The fire department reports that the new installations have been used several times. At present, however, the public is relying on the old system.(2)

The plan is to increase the total number of emergency telephones to 600 during 1953.(1, 2)

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1. Helsingin Sanomat, 14 Aug 52
2. Ibid., 23 Jan 53

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